

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Children of the Poor.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF
VICTOR HUGO.

BY A. A. SWINBURNE.

Take heed of this small child of earth;
He is great: he hath in him God most
high.

Children, before their fleshy birth
Are lights alive in the blue sky.

In our light bitter world of wrongs
They come: God give us them awhile,
His speech is in their stammering
tongues,

And his forgiveness in their smile.

Their sweet light rests upon our eyes,
Alas! their right to joy is plain;
If they hunger Paradise
Weeps, and, if cold, Heaven thrills
with pain.

The want that saps their sinless flower
Speaks judgment on sin's minister;
Man holds an angel in his power.—
Oh! deep in heaven, what thunder
stirs.

When God seeks out these tender
things.

Whom in the shadow where we sleep,
He sends us clothed about with wings,
And finds them ragged babes that
weep.

Selected by Emily R. Stifler.
Holidaysburg, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first at-
tempt to write for the Children's Col-
umn. I like to read the letters from
the little boys and girls. I am fourteen
years old. I haven't much learning for
my mother died when I was three
years old. I belong to the Brethren
church. I joined last fall. My brother
belongs to the Methodist church.

BEN C. SHEPPERD.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first at-
tempt to write for the Children's Col-
umn. I am twelve years old. I go to
Sabbath school, in Congress. Pa takes
the paper. My ma is sick now, she
has been in bed for six weeks. It is
nice here now, the trees are all in full
bloom. Well I will close for this time.

IDA FARNES.

Congress, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first let-
ter to your paper. My papa takes the
paper and I like it very much. I al-
ways turn to the Children's Column
and read the letters. I am twelve
years old. I go to Sunday school.
My teacher's name is Mrs. Frasier. I
like her very much. I have one brother
seven years old and one sister four-
teen years old. I will close, hoping to
see my first letter in print. I will write
again sometime.

ANNA MULKEY.

Norton, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: As it has been a long
time since I wrote for the Children's
Column, I thought I would write and
help fill up the column. Papa takes
the paper and we like it very much.
We do attend Sunday school now. I
go to school every day. My teacher's
name is Miss Blanche Fetz and I like
her very much. My studies are Read-
ing, Arithmetic, Writing, Grammar,
Geography and Physiology. I hope
some of my schoolmates from Iowa
will write for the Children's Column.
I must close for this time.

KATIE P. MILLER.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would
write a letter for the Children's Col-
umn. I notice many letters in the
EVANGELIST. It has been a long
time since I have written for the pa-
per. I noticed nine letters in paper
No. 17, so I think I will write one. I
am going to school now, and have five
studies, Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic,
Language and Geography. The teacher
has us to draw maps. My teacher's
name is Miss Nellie Miller. I am
twelve years old. Our school will be
out the 7th of May. There are fifteen
scholars eight boys and seven girls.
About next October the teacher is go-
ing to move to Bloomington, Ill. It is
very nice today and the sun shines
very warm. The trees and grass are
getting very green and every thing
looks beautiful. People have made
garden for two months already. I will
close for this time by asking some ques-
tions. Where in the Bible does it
speak of Mi. Hor; and where is it?
How old was Noah when he entered
the ark? How old was Noah when he
died? How long did the flood last?
How many souls were saved to go into
the ark?

JOHN D. BLACK.

Auburn, Ill.

Christ's First Miracle.

This is the subject of our S. S. lesson
for today, April 18th, Jesus was at a
marriage feast in Cana of Galilee.
There was not enough wine, so Christ
turned water into wine, which was a
great miracle. Jesus told his disciples
to fill six water pots with water and
they filled them to the brim. I will tell
you what a miracle is. It is a mighty
or wonderful work. It is also called a
sign. Christ did many miracles in his
life.

JASON A. STIFLER.

DEAR EDITOR: I will write a few
lines for the Children's Column. My
father takes the paper and I love to
read the letters from the boys and
girls. I am eleven years old. I go to
school when there is any but it is out
now. My teacher's name was Mr. Jo-
seph I. Hall. I study Reading, Spell-
ing, Geography, Arithmetic and Writ-
ing. I am learning to play on the or-
gan. I have three brothers and two
sisters. My two oldest brothers and
oldest sister are married. I will close
for this time.

MILLIE C. BOWMAN.

Harrisonburg, Va.

DEAR EDITOR: I will again try
and write for the column. I intended
to write and propose the raising of po-
tatoes for the M. and E. Fund, when
Bro. Garber's letter appeared in the
EVANGELIST. I was very glad to see
it. I would like to hear through the
EVANGELIST how many little friends
have planted their rows of potatoes. I
have mine planted. We are having
fine weather now, although we need
rain badly. The farmers are busy
planting corn. The men are also very
busy at the limekiln. When they are
blasting rock, it seems to shake the
earth for half a mile. They are very
dangerous. I think our column has
improved very much. Enclosed find 10
cents for the M. and E. Fund.

Your Friend,

BERTIE SNADER.

DEAR EDITOR: It has been a long
time since I wrote last, and I thought
I would write again. I go to school.
My studies are Arithmetic, Grammar,
Geography, Writing, Spelling and
Reading. My little sister Pearl goes
also, she reads in the charts. I have
one brother and one sister. My sister
will be 6 years old in July and my
brother will be two years old in Octo-
ber. I will be 12 years old in July.
One of the saddest events took place in
our school one week ago last Monday.
Ina Kast, a girl 13 years old dropped
dead. She was running and said to
her play mate. Ma said I should not
run. I have got the heart disease and
fell dead. It is very lonesome at school
without her. They were our nearest
neighbors. Truly in the midst of life
we are in death. I will close by ask-
ing a question. How old was Seth
when he died?

Your Friend,

IDA A. YAGEL,

Deer Lick, Ohio.

DEAR CHILDREN: I have
just been reading some of
your dear little letters, hope
you will write often for the
Youth's Department.

You have been keeping the
little flame burning quite lively
for a while. But why don't
some of the older ones write
too? I think we are getting
somewhat negligent. We are
just letting the little folks do
all the writing. Now let us
get our pens and go to work
too, we can write if we try.
The trouble is there are so
many of us that never try. I
think your editor has adopted
a good plan, by which you (or
we) can get money to send
some able missionary to preach
to the poor and p rhaps to the
heathen.

Each kind act performed by
us will add to the brilliant
rays of the crown that Jesus
is holding for us, may we but
hope some day that crown to
wear. Most of us have a
loved father or mother, broth-

er or sister dead and Oh! how
sad it would be if we had no
hope of ever meeting them
again. I have a little brother
and sister dead and no one
but Jesus knows how anxious
I am to meet them and clasp
their dear hands once more.
Hope the anchor is my stay
while here on earth, let us all
cling to the rock and we shall
be safe and one day rest on
Jesus bosom. May God bless
your editor abundantly for his
kindness manifested toward
you. Hoping these few lines
will escape the waste basket.
I will close wishing you God's
choicest blessings.

LIZZIE SWIHART.

Though flattery blossoms like
friendship, yet there is a great
difference in the fruit.

The best heads can but mis-
judge in causes belonging to the
jurisdiction of the heart.

Very nice scraps are some-
times the effect of a great mind,
but oftener of a little one.

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